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TAC Minutes, 4/11/2012

Town of Arlington

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes of 4/11/12, 7:15 pm to 10:00 pm, Town Hall Annex, Second Floor Conf. Room.

Minutes submitted by Laura Wiener.

Members and Associates Present: Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Wayne Chouinard, Paul Kent, John Lentz, Jeff Maxtutis, Howard Muise, Scott Smith, Ed Starr, Richard Turcotte, Laura Wiener.

Missing Members and Associates: Corey Rateau, Jean Clark

Visitors Present: Evan Litwin, Nawwaf Kaba, Adam Auster

- Administration.
 - Minutes of 3/14/12 were approved. Scott abstained.
 - Correspondence and other handouts were reviewed.
- Town reports.
 - Wayne (DPW) reported that the Town is trying to get water lines installed before reconstruction of Mass. Ave in East Arlington. Wayne also submitted a written report.
 - Laura (Planning) reported that funding for extending the Green Line to Route 16 is being proposed for the FY 16 TIP to begin design and engineering. There is a proposal for a restaurant to be located at the former Video store near the Cambridge line.
- Mass Ave corridor. Laura reported that there was a public meeting in early April, 50-100 people attended, to look at plans. Laura, Carol and Mike Rademacher met to go over comments received at the meeting.
- Lake Street. Traffic counts collected by Working Group at Brooks and Lake. Scott will coordinate counts at Bike path. Jeff will build a model.
- Herbert/Lake, crosswalk across Herbert. Stop sign currently there without stop bar. Six crashes in 5 years. Recommendation: install marked crosswalk and stop bar across Herbert Road at intersection with Lake Street. **Voted unanimously.** Scott will send memo to Selectmen.
- Schools. May 2 is Mass. Walk and Bike to School Day.
 - Flags. Article about crossing flags was submitted to Advocate. Elisabeth will set up meeting with Working Group to evaluate flags pilot.
 - Bishop. Jean talked to families on Stowcroft about marking off a walking area with paint. Wayne spoke with Juliana who said the Town cannot paint or stripe a sidewalk there because it is a private way.
 - Ottoson. WG observed Quincy/Benjamin drop off. Will be meeting with Rick Iannella to discuss.
 - Stratton. Speed measured on Dickson, nothing unusual noted.

- Sidewalks around schools. Elisabeth distributed maps showing recommended walking routes. Wayne noted that small repairs to sidewalks should go through Web Q/A.
- Jason Street cut through traffic. Selectmen recently forwarded request from Jason Street residents to post Do Not Enter signs on southern part of street, between Hillsdale Road and Spring Street. Island previously installed at Spring and Jason in response to earlier request for traffic calming. Gray to Mass. Ave. is classified a collector street, whereas Gray to Spring is classified a local street. Ed will draft a response to Selectmen, citing history of earlier requests and responses, noting that such an action would likely divert traffic to Highland or other residential streets.
- Mass. Ave at Appleton. Working Group met. Wayne will summarize issues and see if we can get additional information from State (CTPS).
- 8. CLAMP. The project received an increase in its budget in recent TIP, from \$290,000 to \$570,000. Chamber of Commerce and Tourism/Economic Development Committee has objected (verbally) to removing parking. Scott noted that one guide book (Fodor's) mentioned the bike path as a tourist attraction, and cautioned about the crossing in Arlington Center. Project has to be advertised by September, 2013.
- 9. CVS. Waiting for crash data.
- 10. Route 60 and Mystic Valley Parkway. Complaints received by the Town about pedestrian safety at this intersection. Roundabout is owned by DCR. Wayne met with MDC engineer about safety concerns, requesting a safety evaluation.
- 11. Taxi Spaces at MBTA Bus turnaround in the Heights. MBTA will not allow taxis to be moved onto the bus turnaround property. Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine has agreed that we should ask the Selectmen to consider removing one taxi space in front of the bus turnaround to add one parking space. After Town Meeting ends.
- 12. Mass/Jason/Mill. Need to convene Working Group.
- 13. Downing Square. Finalizing design.
- 14. Old Mystic/Hutchinson. Traffic counts, turning counts, and crash data requested.
- 15. Thermoplastic Crosswalks. Crosswalk working group will evaluate thermoplastic for application this year and review requests for new crosswalks.
- 16. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Meeting Materials:

- Meeting Packet for April: Agenda, 4/11/12; Minutes of 3/14/12; Working Group List, 4/11/12; BoS/ARB Request Status, 4/11/12; Individual Action List from 3/14/12; Status of TAC Approved Actions, 4/11/12; Proposed Crosswalk at Herbert Road and Lake Street; Memo to Fred Ryan, Corey Rateau, Jeff Maxtutis and Howard Muisse from Marie Krepelka dated March 15, 2012, Re. Jason Street between Hillsdale Road and Spring Street, with attachments; Email from Mark Edry to Jeffrey Maxtutis, dated March 17, 2012 Re. Crosswalks; Email from Evan Litwin to Jeffrey Maxtutis dated March 19, 2012, Re. Arlington TAC; Memo from Edward Starr to TAC members, dated April 4, 2012, Re. Urgent Safety Improvements Needed: Wildwood Avenue/Newman Way Bus Stop; Email from Dan Dunn to Jeffrey Maxtutis dated April 4, 2012, Re. Lake Street Traffic; Email from Heather Drake to Jeffrey Maxtutis dated April 3, 2012, Re. Safe Routes to School Spring Planning.
- Memo to TAC from Wayne Chouinard, Re. Update Items, dated April 11, 2012
- 2012 Road Work—tentative
- 2012 TAC Crosswalk List (Draft), dated April 9, 2012.
- Draft letter to Commissioner Edward Lambert, Jr., DCR, from Wayne Chouinard Re. Mystic Valley Parkway—Medford St. Rotary, undated.

